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For: MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND	)	
METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE	)	
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID	)	
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE	)	

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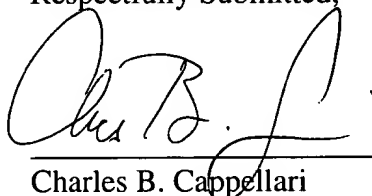
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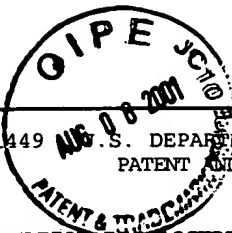


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